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Report McCone Tried To Censor Book on CIA

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Two top officials of the Central Intelligence Agency have contacted a New York publishing house in an apparent effort to suppress or censor a book due to be published about U. S. secret intelligence operations, The Minneapolis Tribune reported yesterday.

In a Washington story written by correspondent Charles W. Bailey, the Tribune said a Random House spokesman confirmed that both CIA director John McCone and CIA Deputy Director Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter complained about the book, "The Invisible Government." The book is scheduled to go to press later this month.

Mr. Bailey quoted his Random House source, who asked that he not be identified, as saying:

"It seemed to me that the purpose (of McCone and Carter) was either the suppression or the altering of the book we were about to publish." The objections, the source added, were on general grounds.

Authors of the book are Washington newsmen David Wise and Thomas Ross. It deals with secret operations

of U. S. intelligence, including the CIA's role in the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

"We asked twice that they (McCone and Carter) give us a list of any errors," the Random House source said. "They said they would send it to us. They never have."

The source said Mr. McCone and Mr. Carter contended publication of the book would be harmful to national security, but did not claim that its publication would violate any security classification of information. Random House said the book names no CIA agents.

Paul Chretien, CIA public information officer, told Mr. Bailey the CIA would have no comment on the matter.

The story also was carried in The Des Moines Register.